

SENATE BILL 3690

By McNally

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2;
Title 39 and Title 40, relative to counsel for
indigent defendants.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-14-207(a), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (1) and by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(2) Any attorney, other than a public defender or post conviction defender, or any expert, consultant or advisor, who is appointed under this part or retained by an attorney appointed under this part, and is paid between January 1 and December 31 of any calendar year, an aggregate amount of more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in fees, commission or other form of compensation for services prior to trial, at trial, and during any appeal shall file annually, no later than February 1, with the Tennessee ethics commission, a disclosure of financial interests. The disclosure of financial interests shall be the same as the information required under § 2-10-115, regarding the disclosure of income by public officials and shall be reported annually no later than February 1 for the preceding calendar year. A fee of one hundred dollars (\$100) shall accompany the annual disclosure form.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.